



A City of Raleigh Initiative

#### **Food Distribution**

# Task Force Review and Suggestions

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- Ground Rules
- Law and Public Safety Directives
- Community Meeting on Food Distribution
- Priorities and Themes for Food Distribution
- Assets and Challenges
- Short-term Suggestions
- Long-term Suggestions
- Questions
- Consensus for Group

### Agenda



- Be Respectful
- Raise your hand before speaking
- Safe Place for information
- Be courteous to each other
- Please save all questions for the end of the presentation

### **Ground Rules**



# Re-engage the Community Oriented Government (COG) group to:

- Widen the circle of participants to include other agencies including Wake County
- Reach out to all community groups and faith-based organizations to participate
- Asked the team to develop specific action steps related to the COG priorities that have already been developed in relation to this issue

#### Law and Public Safety Committee



#### (continued)

- Continue to educate food providers about restrictions in the park and sidewalk
- Look for / identify alternative sites to allow groups to provide food to the less fortunate
- Explore Wake County facilities that are already set-up for services to the less fortunate

#### Law and Public Safety Committee



#### (continued)

- Explore sites at churches / organizations that have facilities that can accommodate outside groups safety
- Work with our existing partners to identify alternative sites
- Once alternative sites are identified, offer alternatives to groups who arrive to serve food

#### Law and Public Safety Committee



- 1. Identify current food distribution locations you serve on the weekends, weekdays, or both. Please provide if it is breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Please be as specific as possible with address locations for mapping purposes for next meeting)
- 2. List your priority of where you would like to distribute food. (Please be specific as you can with addresses). Part II Please list your organization if this is a location that can be used for food distribution as a possibility.
- 3. Criteria for feeding locations What do you need to distribute food safely, humanely, and compassionately. For example, bus line, sinks for hand washing, etc.
- 4. What does success look like to you in 6 months?

### **Community Responses**



- Southside Moore Square on Saturday(s) and Sunday(s)
- Moore Square: Public Transportation Buses-Public Restrooms
- Moore Square: Continuity historical location
- Moore Square Area
- Close to bus station (Moore Square)
- Salvation Army building/facility
- Wherever there is a need
- Government facilities/property/land
- Weekend Gap no food

# Priority of where you would want to Distribute Food



- Restrooms
- Hand washing
- Sanitation / Trash
- Shelter / Facility
- Safe Location
- Tables/Chairs
- Law Enforcement Support

- No Restrictions on who can participate
- Near Moore Square Transit
- Familiar Location
- Community Access
- Engagement

What do we need to distribute food safely, humanely and compassionately?



#### **SUCCESS**

- Coordinated efforts of all groups
- Inclusive of all service providers
- Safe locations and sanitary location
- Centrally located
- Dignity and Respect
- City / County Government and Private Partnerships
- Visible
- Nutritious
- Continuity of Services

# What does success look like in six months?



- City of Raleigh Property and Facilities
- Wake County Property and Facilities
- Churches in the Downtown Area
- Comprehensive List of Potential Sites
- Parks and Park Facilities
- Wake County Public School System Facilities
- Current Food Distribution Sites

### **Assets**



- Long term funding support
- Perception
- Get people aware on a broader perspective and integrate into the community and not to make them a stigma
- People do not know or understand the reality of the issue
- More gentrification in the downtown areas as economy changes
- Infrastructure
- Insurances
- Who will be the lead
- If you are hungry you welcome... Many places have limitations
- Needs to be political so there will be action

## Challenges



- The Episcopalian Diocese located at 200 West Morgan Street has offered their parking lot on Saturday and Sunday(s) as a place for providers to offer food distribution.
- Possible offer from Catholic Parish Outreach 2013 N.
  Raleigh Blvd

# Establish Other Locations "Care Points" as alternatives to Moore Square Park/Sidewalk



- Wake County has provided three options for food distribution sites near the downtown area
- Parking lot located at 1420 South Wilmington St, Saturday and Sunday.
- Wake County Human Services Building parking lot 220
  Swinburne St., Saturday and Sunday
- Wake County Human Services Building parking lot 10
  Sunnybrook Rd, Saturday and Sunday

# Establish Other Locations "Care Points" as alternatives to Moore Square Park/Sidewalk



Everyone working together to make this successful.

## City of Raleigh

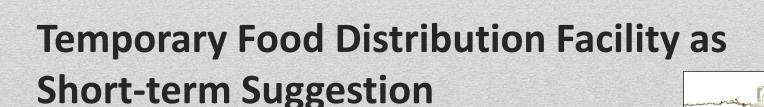


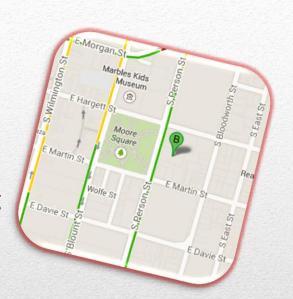


### **Site Location**

#### City of Raleigh

- Location is 215 South Person Street
- 3200 Square Feet
- Meets all priorities via the community
- Meets the priorities of the 2012 meeting
- Meets all themes via the community
- Locked area for safety and security
- Open on Saturday and Sunday only
- City will provide: table, chairs, picnic tables, refrigerator, planters, paint, volunteers for community day to fix up the facility, law enforcement





#### **Priorities this site meets**

- Across the Street from Moore Square Park
- Restrooms
- Hand washing
- Sanitation / Trash
- Shelter/Facility
- Safe Location
- Tables/Chairs
- Law Enforcement Support

#### Themes this location meets

- No restrictions on who can participate
- Near Moore Square Transit
- Familiar Location
- Community Access
- Engage the community
- Safe and Sanitary
- No facility cost for service providers

#### **Temporary Food Distribution Facility**



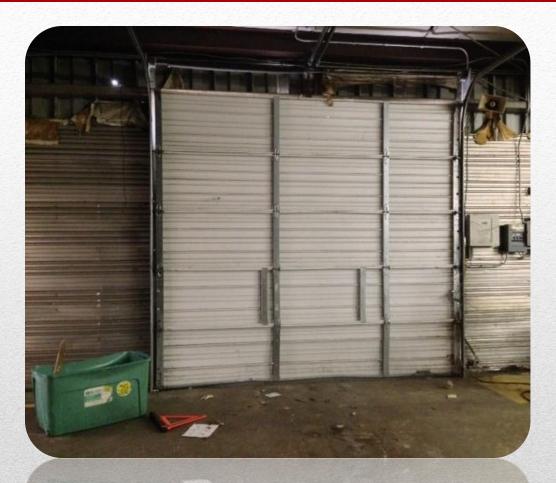


Community Day to paint and fix up this location.

To include volunteers, city staff and leaders; organizations involved with Moore Square food distribution.

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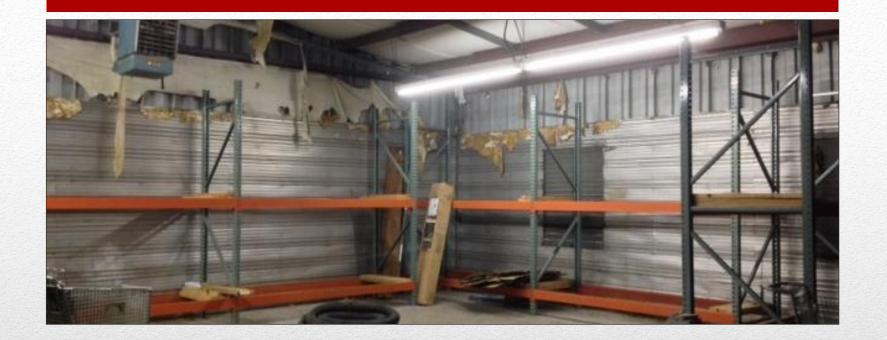




Large garage opening to pull up and set up food distribution

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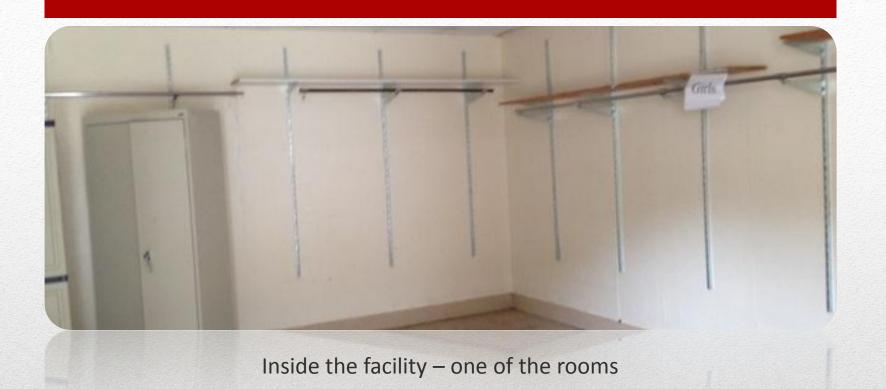




**Inside Facility** 

# **Temporary Food Distribution Facility**





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Large outside parking lot for additional options on nice days

# **Temporary Food Distribution Facility**



#### WHAT'S NEXT

- This will be a partnership between the City, Wake County, non-profit, faith based organizations and other groups that distribute food.
- RFP would go out for a non-profit to manage, organize food providers, cleaning, security, paperwork, etc.
- Funding from the City to cover the costs for bathrooms, sinks, outfitting inside, tables, chairs, refrigerator, utilities, dumpster costs.
- Hours of operation: Saturday / Sunday from 9:00 6:00pm
- Parking lot and facility would be locked and secured overnight as it is currently

# **Temporary Food Distribution Facility Suggestion**



http://www.seattle.gov/humanservices/emergencyservices/docs/ /GuideMealsHomeless.pdf

#### Creation of a Resource Guide



- Education for the general public about the extent and nature of hunger in the Raleigh community.
- Public Affairs Campaign
- RTN Educational Shows
- Wake County Website

Implement a broad communication effort, using many different media venues

#### **Other Ideas Explored:**

- The Church of the Good Shepard/Shepard's table
  - Weekend operations are not an option at this time.
- Moore Square Park and Sidewalk and all Parks
  - Does not meet the priorities of the community meeting
  - Would require permits and fees
- Moore Square Magnet Middle School
  - Wake County Public School System was unable to allow usage of this facility due to rental commitments to churches and other groups on the weekends.

### City Staff Research



- Raleigh Municipal Building
  - Security Concerns unable to accommodate recommendation
- Community Development Lots
  - Development sites concern in SE Raleigh community
- City Market Parking Lot
  - Safety, no facilities, concern by merchants about loss of parking

### City Staff Research



- Create a long term bricks-and mortar solution for food distribution and other important services (mental health, housing, workforce connection, etc.
- "One stop shop" for all needs at a facility that is centrally located in Wake County with access to transit and other nearby services.
- So this is not just a "back-burner" item: Recommend that a team representing City, County and Raleigh/Wake Partnership be established with a charge to report back in 6 months to City Council and County Commissioners with a plan for implementation.

#### Long-term Recommendation



#### **Temporary solutions:**

- Establish additional Care Points as suggested?
- Indoor Temporary Food Distribution Facility across the street from Moore Square Park?
- Allow Food Distribution to continue at Moore Square sidewalk/park until food distribution facility is approved and open?
- Implement Educational Campaign?

#### **Long-Term Solution:**

 Within 6-8 month time period develop a capital plan for an intake center with a "one stop shop" service delivery?
 (10 Year Plan to End Homelessness Engagement for Strategy B for reference)

### **Consensus of Task Force?**





Questions

